

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY**  
**PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**  
**NEWARK, NEW JERSEY**  
**FEBRUARY 18, 2015**

NOTE: The Public Session was called to order at 10:00 A.M. President, Shirley Birenz, RDH

ATTENDANCE: The following members were in attendance:

Joseph Battaglia, DMD; Shirley Birenz, RDH; Emil Cappetta, DDS; Elizabeth Clemente, DDS; Peter Clemente, DMD; Nicholas C. DeRobertis, DMD; Steven Goldstein, DDS; Roger Kriete, DMD; Beverly Kupiec, PhD, RN

OTHER ATTENDEES: Deputy Attorneys General Miller and Oo; Cecilia Moreira, Senior Management Assistant

ABSENT: Herbert Dolinsky, DDS; Richard D. Riva, DDS

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** February 4, 2015 - Approved as amended.

**II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. Applications:**

1. Dr. Rada Elkin - Application for a New Jersey dental license. Dr. Elkin passed the Southern Regional Exam (SRTA) in April 2010. On February 4, 2015, the Board requested Dr. Elkin provide proof from SRTA that she passed each section of the exam with at least a score of 75. SRTA provided the Board with confirmation that Dr. Elkin passed all sections of the examination with a 75 or higher. The Board approved this application.

2. Dr. Padma Mukherjee (Hand-out) - Application for a New Jersey dental license. Dr. Mukherjee took the WREB exam in 2008. On February 4, 2015 the Board requested that Dr. Mukherjee provide proof that she passed each section of the exam with at least a score of 75. The Board moved this matter to Executive Session for deliberation.

The Board returned to public session and noted that after reviewing the additional information provided by WREB and it does not appear that Dr. Mukherjee passed each section of the WREB with a score of at least 75.

Dr. Mukherjee must take the ADEX exam including the periodontic section in order to qualify for licensure in New Jersey.

**B. Continuing Education:**

The Board in a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Dr. DeRobertis, approved the continuing education committee report.

**III. PROPOSED LEGISLATION:**

1. S-2729 (Hand-out) - Authorizes health care practitioners to provide health care services through telemedicine.

The Board requested that this matter be tabled to the next meeting to allow for more time to review this bill.

**IV. APPEARANCE:**

1. 10:00 A.M. - Dr. Ewa Marcinkiewicz-O'Brien - Appearance concerning reinstatement of license. She appeared with counsel, Kevin Roe, Esq. and Dr. Louis Baxter from the Professional Assistance Program. On May 30, 2013 an Order of Temporary Suspension of License was filed. On February 10, 2015 a Consent Order was filed resolving issues in the filed complaint, providing for appearance before the Board, and indefinitely suspending Dr. Marcinkiewicz-O'Brien's license retroactive to May 15, 2013 until Board considers her request to reinstate.

The Board in a motion by Dr. DeRobertis, seconded by Dr. E. Clemente, moved this matter to Executive Session.

Upon return to public session, the Board voted to reinstate her license with restrictions, including those detailed by the Professional Assistance Program.

**V. OTHER MATTERS:**

1. Correspondence advising that the NERB is now The Commission on Dental Competency Assessments. The Board took this as informational.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT:** The Board adjourned the Public Session and moved to Executive Session for advice of counsel and review of open matters (investigations and deliberations). When and if action is taken, it will be reported in Public Session.